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Forest Service Announces Seasonal Road Closures

Wise, Va. –The Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, will temporarily close some roads for the winter in Wise, Scott, Lee and Dickinson counties. These roads will be closed during the period of January 10, through April 1, 2012. More than 100 miles of National Forest roads in these counties remain open year round. Visit www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj for current information.

The Forest Service manages facilities and roads to ensure safety, minimize maintenance, and protect wildlife and water. Most National Forest roads were constructed many years ago and were not built for modern vehicles and extensive use. Driving in winter conditions causes damage that is expensive to repair and requires additional maintenance. Typically, roads that are gated during the winter months are in better overall condition. Protecting streams from road sediment is essential to quality water. Limiting vehicle access on some roads promotes critical wildlife development.

The following roads are seasonally closed:

Road Number	Road Name
238	Eagle Knob
238C	Nettle Patch
239	Maple Gap
291	Glady Fork
294	Jasper Cliff
616	Mullins
621	Grindstone Ridge
641	Wallen Ridge
700/701	Little Stony/Bear Rock (Closed for Reconstruction of the roads)
704	Mountain Fork
776	McGhee Creek (Reopens July 1 for protection of Turkey and Grouse Nesting)

Additional information is available at www.fs.fed.us/r8/gwj or by calling the Clinch Ranger District's office at 276-328-2931.

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